

### **REMARKS**

The Examiner has indicated that the appeal of the instant application stands dismissed and the proceedings as to the rejected claims 39, 41, and 43-70 are considered terminated. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that "the application will be passed on to issue on claims 40 and 42 provided the following formal matters are corrected." Applicants address the outstanding formal matters herein.

#### ***Objection to the Specification***

In the instant Office Action, the Examiner states that the specification is objected to "because tables 1-4 are not in the specification. These tables are referred to in the specification, however, they do not appear in the application."

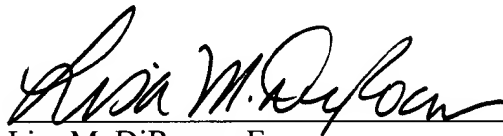
Applicants respectfully submit that the aforementioned tables 1-4 were filed with the original application on June 23, 2000. The receipt of these tables by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is evidenced by the date-stamped postcard (a copy of which is enclosed herewith), which indicates the receipt of all of the items listed on the postcard, by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 23, 2000.

However, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants have provided herewith a copy of Tables 1-4.

**CONCLUSION**

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the examiner is urged to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa M. DiRocco", written over a horizontal line.

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